



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re U.S. Patent Application:

N. Geoffrey Greenberg  
U.S. Application No. 10/759,586 )  
Filed: January 15, 2004 )  
For: SEWING THREAD )

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

American & Efird, Inc., the owner of the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application hereby revokes any and all previous Powers of Attorney in this patent and hereby appoints all members, the Attorneys and Patent Agents of the firm of K&L Gates LLP, as identified by Customer Number 21878 in the records of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and as updated from time to time, to prosecute patent applications on its behalf, make alterations and amendments therein, to receive the certificate of registration, and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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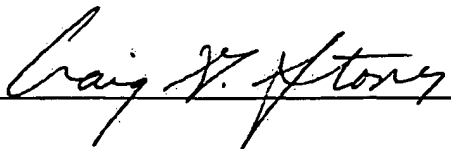
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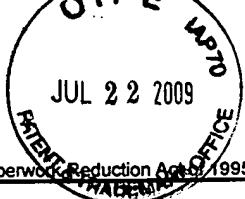
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By: Craig G. Stover

Title: Senior Vice President - Finance



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Applicant/Patent Owner: American & Efird, Inc.

Application No./Patent No.: 10/759,586

Filed/Issue Date: 01/15/2004

Entitled: SEWING THREAD

American & Efird, Inc.

, a corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

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2. ☐ an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest  
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OR

- B. ☒ A chain of title from the inventor(s), of the patent application/patent identified above, to the current assignee as follows:

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

Susan S. Jackson

Signature

Susan S. Jackson

Printed or Typed Name

Attorney for Applicant

Title

July 6, 2009

Date

704.331.7400

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**37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) STATEMENT AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

The Assignee for the U.S. Patent Application filed herewith entitled **SEWING THREAD** (hereinafter "Patent Application"), and the Invention disclosed therein, hereby states pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) that the Assignee is now the sole owner of the Patent Application to the exclusion of each Inventor thereof.

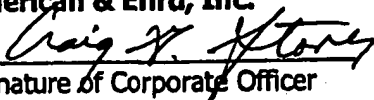
The Assignee establishes its ownership by submission herewith of an Assignment from each Inventor of the Patent Application and the Assignee requests recordation thereof in the records of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office. As the established owner of the Patent Application, the Assignee hereby invokes its right to conduct prosecution of the Patent Application to the exclusion of each named Inventor.

The Assignee further hereby appoints the Attorneys and Patent Agents of K&L Gates LLP, as identified by **Customer Number 021878** in the records of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office and as updated from time to time, to prosecute the Patent Application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office connected therewith. All correspondence in this case should be directed to:

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The Assignee hereby declares that no other person or entity is authorized to take any action before the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office with respect to the Patent Application. The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the Assignee.

By: **American & Efird, Inc.**  
  
Signature of Corporate Officer

July 1, 2009  
Date

Craig G. Stover  
Name of Corporate Officer

Senior Vice President - Finance  
Title of Corporate Officer

## ASSIGNMENT

Case No.: 03-1097

Serial No.: 10/759,586

Inventor: N. Geoffrey Greenberg

Date of Execution

of Application:

Filing Date: January 15, 2004

In consideration of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable considerations in hand paid, the receipt and sufficiency whereof are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned hereby assigns to:

**American & Efird, Inc., a corporation of the state of North Carolina**

its successors and assigns, the entire right, title and interest in the invention or improvements of the undersigned disclosed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States, entitled:

### **SEWING THREAD**

and identified as:

**Case No. 03-1097**

in the offices of MCDONNELL BOEHNNEN HULBERT & BERGHOFF and in said application and any and all other applications, both United States and foreign, which the undersigned may file, either solely or jointly with others, on said invention or improvements, and in any and all Letters Patent of the United States and foreign countries, which may be obtained on any of said applications, and in any reissue or extension of such patents, and further assigns to said assignee the priority right provided by the International Convention.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue said Letters Patent to said assignee.

The undersigned hereby authorizes and requests the attorneys of record in said application to insert in this assignment the filing date and serial number of said application when officially known, and the date of execution of the application.

The undersigned warrants himself to be the owner of the entire right, title and interest in said invention or improvements and to have the right to make this assignment, and further warrants that there are no outstanding prior assignments, licenses, or other encumbrances on the interest herein assigned.

For said considerations the undersigned hereby agrees, upon the request and at the expense of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to execute any and all divisional, continuation and substitute applications for said invention or improvements, and any necessary oath, affidavit or declaration relating thereto, and any application for the reissue or extension of any Letters Patent that may be granted upon said application, and any and all applications and other documents for Letters Patent in foreign countries on said invention or improvements, that said assignee, its successors or assigns may deem necessary or expedient, and for the said considerations the undersigned authorizes said assignee to apply for patents for said invention or improvements in its own name in such countries where such procedure is proper and further agrees, upon the request of said assignee, its successors and assigns, to cooperate to the best of the ability of the undersigned with said assignee, its successors and assigns, in any proceedings or transactions involving such applications or patents, including the preparation and execution of preliminary statements, giving and producing evidence, and performing any and all other acts necessary to obtain, maintain and enforce said Letters Patent, both United States and foreign, and vest all rights therein hereby conveyed in the assignee, its successors and assigns, whereby said Letters Patent will be held and enjoyed by the said assignee, its successors and assigns, to the full end of the term for which said Letters Patent will be granted, as fully and entirely as the same would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned if this assignment had not been made.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 14th day of January, 2004.

N. Geoffrey Greenberg  
N. Geoffrey Greenberg

State of N. Carolina

County of GASTON

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 14th day of

January, 2004 by N. Geoffrey Greenberg

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